

## ABSTRACT

A method for creating an electronic program guide (EPG) is described. A viewer's input to a set top box is monitored. The monitored viewer's input is analyzed and the content for the EPG is customized based on the viewer's analyzed input. The viewer's input to the set top box can be stored in a viewer file and updated with additional viewer input. The viewer's input may include signals from a viewer input device, such as, for example, a remote control, a keypad, a keyboard, or a wireless keyboard. The viewer's input may be sent to a host. The host performs the monitoring, the analyzing, and the customizing. In addition, the viewer's input may be analyzed by the set top box or a combination of the set top box and the host. The viewer's input may include signals indicating a change of channels, a guide selection, a category selection, a programming selection, a recorded programming, a viewed web page, and a rating of show. The customized EPG may include an interactive link, a web page, a chat room, an advertisement, a program guide, a TV channel, a customized viewer interactive EPG interface, and one or more mini-guides.